

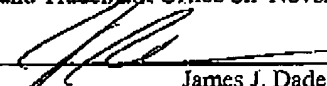


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated August 28, 2006, Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Declaration for the subject application.

Applicants respectfully submit that, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.67(b), the original statement of invention in the specification and the originally-filed claims "substantially embrace" the allowed claims, which were amended to merely clarify the wording of particular features of the originally claimed invention. Applicants did not introduce new features "shown or described" in the specification—say, from an alternative embodiment—in the claim amendments. No new matter was introduced. Applicants, nevertheless, submit a Supplemental Declaration for expediency.

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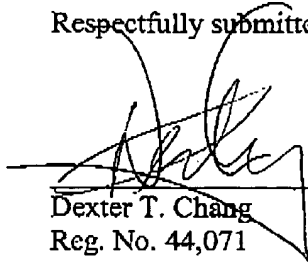


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